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TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1900.

SOUTHERN IRON.

Now that there is a flurry in the iron market It seems to us an opportune time to call attention to the wonderful development of the iron industry in the South during the past several years, The New York Commercial of Saturday last prints as a leading editorial an article signed by Joseph J. Willett, in which he shows how the iron interests of the South have prospered in spite of the evil predictions that were made by the iron experts of the North. First, he tells us, it was said that Southern pig fron, while it could be made cheaply, was of an inferior quality and fit only for cheap castings, but he adds that when the Southern man commenced to ship and sell his pig iron at Pittsburg, and when the English and German manufacturers began to show an actual preference for the Alabama product over that of Ohio and Pennsylvania, that misrepresentation died and was gathered to its fathers.

Again, he says, it was asserted that the future of iron was steel and that steel could not be successfully made out of the Tennessee and Alabama iron for the reason that the cost of eliminating the objectionable properties in the ores and reducing the same to steel would be more than the steel would bring in the market, but the reply to this is that the Birmingham rolling mills and other like establishments, by actual experiment, have demonstrated that the best quality of steel can be profitably manufactured

Once more, he goes on, it was asserted that the Southern iron man had to pay so much higher rates for money than his Northern competitor that the advantage of his location and cheapness of raw materials were neutralized by his lack of capital, and that because of his lack of capital he could not success fully and permanently compete with the richer manufacturers of the North, "But," he replies, "successful reorganization of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company and other such companies, giving them an abundance of capital at a low rate of interest, has demonstrated that capital, with its keen instinct of profit, had unbounded confidence of iron in the South and was desirous of developing and utilizing its natural resources, to the mutual advantage of both lender and borrower, and so this last misrepresentation died and was gathered to

In conclusion, he said that Birmingham is now one of the iron centres of the world, and that if the Pittsburg district has accomplished its wonders with only the coal at its doors, the ere being 1,200 miles away, what may be expected of the Birmingham district, now in its infancy, with coal, red ores and limestone at its very doors and the fine brown ores at Anniston, only sixty miles distant?

He also calls attention to the superior transportation facilities of the South and

the advantage which it has in labor. It is an interesting coincidence that on the same day that this article appeared in the New York Commercial a conspicuously displayed editorial article appeared in the Philadelphia Record on "Pig Iron from the South." The Record may be pardoned for saying that "Pennsylvania still keeps her place far in the front," but adds that "it is evident, particularly with reference to iron manufacturing east of the Alleghanies, that it must more and more deal with the finished rather than the crude product."

iron industry of this country, and its grasp will not be relaxed.

PITIABLE INDEED. Elsewhere we copy from the New York

World in reference to the Sampson-Schley controversy one of the most remarkable statements that has appeared in print for some time, and to the true American one of the most humiliating statements that has ever appeared. Briefly told, the statement is this: The Sampson faction in the Navy Department has been making war upon Admiral Schley until in the opinion of his friends forbearance had ceased to be a virtue. One of Schley's stanchest partisans and friends is Gen. Felix Agnus, of Baltimore, owner and editor of the Baltimore American, one of the most influential Republican papers in this country. General Agnus, it is alleged, ascertained that Sampson had been convicted of irregularities in his official transactions, and that Crowninshield, head of the Bureau of Construction of the Navy Department, who is supposed to have been one of the most active fomenters of Schley's persecution, had been before a court of inquiry, of which Schley was a member, in which court Schley had recommended that Crowninshield should be court-martialled, and that Crowninshield from that time forward had entertained the bitterest animosity against Schley. These, with Captain Mahan, who also had a grievance, controlled the Navy Department and inspired all of the contumely that has been heaped upon Schley, as it is said. It is next alleged that Agnus got together proofs of these allegations and made them up into an eight-page form of the Baltimore American. He printed, however, but one copy, and then locked up the forms for future use. He took this copy to Washington and laid it upon President McKinley's desk, and notified him that unless the persecutions of Schley ceased he would print one million copies of it and circulate it broadcast over the land, whereupon the Republicans might abandon all hope of carrying Maryland. That the war upon Schley ended at once and that Schley will be given his rightful position in the naval personnel bill, and that he will now rank Sampson two numbers, and will stand in the navy next in rank to Dewey.

It is to be remembered that the New York World is the authority for these statements, and that is almost enough to discredit any statement whatever, but in this case the World accompanies its statements with such specific and detailed items of evidence that it is almost impossible to doubt that its statements are true. For instance, the allegation against Sampson is that while Commander of the Naval Academy at Annapolis two enlisted men deposited their pay with him for safe-keeping; that he only returned them one-half of it; that he was sued by them for the remainder and judgment given against him for the amounts claimed, and the World published what purports to be certified copies of these judgments. It also publishes an interview had with General Agnus last Saturday evening, in which Agnus admits that every material allegation in the statement is true.

What is to be thought of these statements, if true, and even though they come through the medium of the World it is almost impossible to doubt that they are true? The thing is ion sickening to be contemplated. It is only too evident that good natured and well meaning as Mr. McKinley is, he has yet not as much backbone as a jelly fish. There seems no question that anyone who comes along can "hold him up" at his will. He is Captain Scott's coon, who, as soon as an empty gun was pointed at him, cried: "Don't shoot; I will come down." He is a sack of salt with the salt out. Th thing is too pitiful and too sickening for men who have beards on their faces to contemplate.

But, after all, it is a choice between MoKinleyism and Hannaism on the one side and Bryanism on the other. Where is the true patriot to go when that is the alternative offered him? O, that the Democrats would adopt a conservative platform and nominate a real Democrat McKinleyism and Bryanism would both be swept off of the face of the earth,

A DANVILLE COMBINE. The Danville Register announces that it has absorbed the Daily Bee, an afternoon paper which has been published in that city for some time past by Mr. Al. Fairbrother, and also the Farrago, the weekly edition of the Bee. The Farrage will be absorbed by the semi-weekly edition of the Register, and the Bee will be published after May 1st as the afternoon edition of the Daily Register.

In explanation of this new deal the Register says:

With rent account one-half less, and cost and maintenance of one plant instead of two, one corps of solicitors to push the circulation of both papers, the saving in these items alone will be material, and both papers at less expense can be made better, and in this instance

The Rester, appreciating these advantages, into ded at an early day to launch a new afternoon paper, but the opportunity to secure one already established presented itself; the Register accepted the

It has been said that Danville is a "veritable cemetery of afternoon papers." Prior to the establishment of the Bee no less than six have started, striven and stranded, because an afternoon paper in cities of this size, with an established morning competitor, cannot succeed. It must have the assistance of a morning contemporary instead of its opposition.

This announcement has a peculiar interest for The Times, because our esteemed Danville contemporary has frequently taken occasion to disagree with us in our presentation of the question of trusts and "combines," and we have never seen a better illustration of the principle, which we have from time to time exploited in these columns, as governing trade and industry in this progressive age of

CHICAGO, April II.—The case of Mr. Samuel Hutchinson, the druggist, who was recently arrested for selling Mait Liquor without a license, came up before Judge Gary to-day. The druggist had sold Mait-Nutrine, a mait extract prepared by the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, of St. Louis, Mo. After listening to the evidence of expert chemists, who testified that it contained only 1-56—1000 per cent. of alcohol, Judge Gary decided that Mait-Nutrine is not an intoxicant, and dismissed the case. UPHELD BY THE COURTS.

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nutshell, and that is the keynote of the business combine of the future. Politiclans may prate about trusts and political parties may talk about anti-trust laws and all that, but this sort of co-operation will increase as our civilization comes nearer and nearer to the perfection mark. The grinding, autocratic, monopolistic, exortionate trust is a creature of the imagination, for if any one thing has been demonstrated in trade it is that in order to succeed a trust must always be on its good behavior, must get the good will of the people, and in order to this it must give to the people the best article at the lowest price.

Asking pardon, we take the case of the Danville Register as an illustration. There were two newspapers in that live city conducted under separate managements, and as rivals in business there was, no doubt, rate-cutting from time to time in advertising. But, as the Register itself well says, the two papers can be more economically conducted under one management, and after May 1st the Register will have control of the newspaper field in Danville. The Register will now be in a better position than either of the two papers had hitherto been to give the people of Danville as good a morning paper and as good an evening paper as the city will support, and as a business proposition it is clearly to the interest of the Register to follow that course, as we have no doubt it will do. The Regis ter will charge a living rate for subscriptions and advertising, but it will not be so unwise as to try a game of extor-

tion, simply because it has a monopoly. That is the case with every combinaion such as is announced from Danville That is the condition that every combination in trade has to confront. If the trade combine makes itself popular with the people it will flourish; if it makes itself unpopular with the people some other candidate for popular favor and trade will undoubtedly spring up.

The Richmond Times surprised and startled its readers Sunday morning with a picture of Senator Daniel. Wonderfui! Wonderful! !-Newport News Herald.

Quite so. Daniel is a wonderful man and it does the people of Virginia good to look upon the likeness of his manly face. A Virginia newspaper makes no mistake in printing semi-occasionally a picture of Senator Daniel.

CURRENT TOPICS. The Atlanta Journal prints the follow-

ng in its editorial columns: "Seldom in the history of Southern Road the South has a great railroad system been formed so quickly as has the Seaboard Air Line.

"Within a few months it has grown from a single line extending from At ...nta to Portsmouth into one of the largest railroad systems in this section. Its lines extend from Richmond to Tampa and will soon reach Washington.

"Moreover, every one of these lines passes through a fine region and one that

s rapidly developing. "The Greater Seaboard Air Line will be a powerful factor in the development of the South, and Georgia will not be the

least of its beneficiaries.
"Mr. John Skelton Williams, the founder of this system and its president, has proved himself one of the ablest and boldest financiers in the South. He is yet young man, but he is one to be reck-ned with the railroad world."

The Seaboard is a great Southern insti-tution, and its wonderful development in so short a time is a tribute both to the skill of President Williams and the progress of the South.

The Times has more than once of late called attention to the wonderful develop-The Development ment in the coal industry. According to rein Coal. turns representing be-

tween 80 and 90 per cent. of the total tonnage, the production of coal in the United States in is estimated by Edward W. Parker, statistician of the United States Geological Survey, to have amounted to 230,838,973 long tons, equivalent to 258,539,-650 short tons. As compared with the production in 1898, when the product amounted to 196,405,953 long tons, or 219,974,667. short tons, this indicates an increase of over 34,000,000 long tons, or 17.5 per cent. The total value of this enormous product is estimated at \$259,435,412, an increase of over \$51,000,000, or practically 20 per cent.,

over the value of the product in 1898. The part that anthracite coal played in this unprecedented production was an increase from 47,663,075 long tons, or 53,322,-644 short tons, in 1898, to 53,537,496. long tons, or 90,220,255 short tons, in 1898, with an increase in value from \$75,414,537 to \$88,123,493, a gain of nearly \$13,000,000. The States producing the largest number of short tons were as follows: Alabama, 7,231,558; Illinois, 23,434,445; Indiana,

,529,826; Iowa, 5,265,480; Kentucky, 5,120,-375; Maryland, 5,516,363; Ohio, 16,679,880; Pennsylvania, 75,591,554; West Virginia, But this is only the beginning of

greater things. The demand from across the Atlantic is growing all the time, and our foreign trade in coal will hereafter keep pace with our foreign trade in other

AFTERMATH.

According to a statement sent out from Kenosha, Wis., 2.000@Americans have embraced Mohammedanism since the Congress of Religions at the World's Fair in Chicago led Turkish missionaries to un-

A Specialty.

And then makes this significant concession: "As the South has natural advantages for the cheap outturn of pig iron which defy successful competition, domestic and foreign, it will hereafter be a market upon which Philadelphia will largely depend." The inference follows as a corollary. If the South can make pig iron so cheaply as to defy successful competition, domestic and foreign, it is a foregone conclusion that the South will defy competition in dealing with the finished product.

The South has a firm grasp upon the potton manufacturing industry and the

dertake the task of seeking converts in the United States.

It is said that President McKinley, in conversation at Paterson, N. J., the other day, expressed himself in favor of the selection of young men for places of re-sponsibility in Porto Ricp and the Philip-pines, reasoning that elderly men would not be able so easily to adapt themselves to the new conditions, and would not be able to give long service after they had acquired experience.

Germany has recently enacted a marrlage law which requires that "every man desiring to be married in Germany shall present to the special magistrate, by whom alone marriages can be solemnized, a certificate by the proper authorities of his native or home State to the effect that the authorities know no just exists why the marriage should not take

This requirement applies to persons of every nationality, and when a male citi zen of the United States desire to marry in Germany a woman of American or other nationality he is confronted with the difficulty that no court or tribunal in the United States maintains a personal supervision over American cifizens as to their domestic relations, and will not give the necessary certificate.

The Baltimore papers note the death of Mr. Richard T. Waters, one of the most prominent and popular citizens of

Sampson and Schley.

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The long feud between Rear-Admiral William T. Sampson and Rear-Admiral Winfield Scott Schley and their friends is officially ended. Schley is the victor.

Since the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Santiago, July 3, 1898, it has divided the United States Navy, stirred the whole country and even become a national political question. It has intruded itself into the social, political and official life of Washington, forming bitter factions wherever it showed itself. Intrigue of a remarkable kind characterized every new move made by the terized every new move made by leaders of the fight.

leaders of the fight.

On one side, Sampson's, was actively ranged the whole force of the administration, from President McKinley and Secretary of the Navy Long, down through the whole personnel of the navy. Against these were ranged men of political and personal prominence; men shrewd, per-sistent, powerful through their connec-tions, skillful as diplomatists, and above all else, fighters.

These men finally, by one masterfu trese men many, by one masterial stroke, convinced the administration, the President, the Secretary of the Navy and the army of lesser officials, that Réar Admiral Schley could not be further opposed—oppressed, Schley's friends purposed—oppressed, Schley's friends purposed—oppressed, Schley's friends purposed—oppressed, Schley's friends purposed—oppressed, Schley's friends purposed from the first purposed from it—without imperilling McKinley's re-election. The administration yielded. Schley will rank Sampson in the list Schley will rank Sampson in the list of Rear-Admirals, and in a few months

will be second only to George Dewey in the United States Navy.

For eighteen months Schley's adherents kept on the defensive. Finding that the attacks from the administration's quarters continued, they decided to change their tactics and assume the ag-

gressive.
In making this change warfare dra-matic, unique and successful was in-augurated. General Felix Agnus, publisher of the Baltimore American, the leader of the Schley forces. Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy De-partment, has been credited with partial leadership of the forces opposed to

Schley.
General Agnus had an eight-page special supplement prepared for his newspaper, the leading Republican orgaof Maryland and largely read in Wash-ington. The suplement dealt wholly with the Schley-Sampson feud. In detail it exploited the causes of the adminis-tration's animosity for Schley. It contained two striking exposures.

One was a direct charge against Rear-Admiral Sampson of countenancing irregular accounts in 1891, while Superin-tendent of the Naval Academy at An-inapolis, The jother dealt with Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, showing that is Admiral Sehley had recom-mended that he be court-martialled for incompetency in equipping the ship then under his command.

under his command.

General Agnus gathered official documents to corroborate his charges against Admirals Sampson and Crowinshield, the chief foes of Schley. A single copy of the eight-page supplement was printed; the he plates were removed from the press nd locked up for "future use if needed." This single cony was taken to Washington by General Agnus and a Republican Senator and—the World is informed placed upon the desk of President Mc-Kinley, General Agnus admits the use made of the supplement, but denies that President McKinley personally was threatened. He says an administration leader was shown the paper and told that unless the attacks upon Schley ceased and the promotion to which he was entitled under the naval personnel bill was accorded him, one million copies of the eight-page supplement would be

printed and distributed.

The man who spoke to the President is a Republican. He told the President that the circulation of the eight-page Schley-Sampson supplement would surely schiey-sampson supplement would surely make Maryland Democratic next fall.

The result was a change of front on the part of the administration toward Schley. All attacks upon him ceased by subordinate officials. Measures introduced in Congress antagonistic to Schley and beneficial to Sampson were aban-doned. Steps were taken to revive the

omotion of Schley Since the "ultimatum" the plates of the eight-page supplement have not again been placed on the presses of the Ealtimore American. The edition that accomplished such wonderful results is still limited to one copy, but the plates are held in readlness. If Secretary Long is nominated for the

personnel bill and pave the way for the

Vice-Presidency the plates may possibly be used in spite of Secretary Long's stainless and brilliant personal record at the head of the Navy Department.

The leaders of the Schley forces dislike Secretary Long, because he permitted the description remains of Schley forces. the department enemies of Schley to persist in their attacks. No charges, how-ever, are against Mr. Long personally.— New York World.

The Man Hunt. Editor of The Times:

Sir,-Allow me a little space in your valued columns to voice my sentiment anent the abandonment of the proposed

so-called "man hunt."

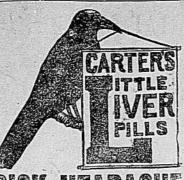
Let me first say that it is unnecessary to indulge in any argument with intelligent people in regard to the danger of the sport, and those not well enough in-formed on this subject shouldn't meddle with things beyond their ken.

I wish to say this as a balm to myself nd many others who anticipated the lovelty of a harmless sport and who novelty were disappointed: were disappointed;
That, first, as a Virginian, I resent
any suggestion of "truckling" to outside

sentiments. Second. That as the whole affair was arranged by private individuals and the "Hunt Club," it was no matter of concern to anyone except such as the club

members should invite to participate.

I have not seen any fellow-member of the club since the affair was called off, but will venture the assertion that I voice the sentiments of nine-tenths of the hunting members who take the risks and nunting members who take the risks and furnish the major part of the sports of the club, and they as well as myself are unwilling either as individuals or as a club to have it heralded to the world that we "truckled" to the frightened whimpers of a few weaklings to abandon a demonstration that could in no measure have been suggestive of unmanliness, brutality or danger, inasmuch as it was not disapproved of by our wives, mothers and sisters, who are and should folk, Va.



Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perlect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. mail Pill. Small Dose.

be the only criterions of a Virginian's

conduct Aside from the innocent sport the demonstration of the abilities of the hounds would have a beneficially deterrent effect on the criminals around us.

Now, as I am not in the habit of seeking communications in print or of sug-gesting risks for some other fellow to take, I will make this offer:

take, I will make this offer:

Let those who have enough backbone
to defy critics join me in securing a pack
of bloodhounds, and I will engage to take
an ordinary riding-whip and allow those so-called "ferocious" dogs to catch me in an open field. As I am a farmer hunter and horseman. I am prepared to make good my offer and furnish the course. I may add that at no time has Mr. Harry Davis seen any danger in his venture, nor would it have deterred him

In addition, I wish also to thank you for your very temperate and accurate editorial and news statements of the eyent as proposed.

I had nothing to do with the origina-tion of the affair nor with the abandon-ment of it, but was, am and will be for it, and will furnish the course and ven-ANDERSON COME DLANTON.
"Roconncie Farm," April 23, 1999.

A STORE GIVES AWAY ARCH BUT-TONS AND BATS AND BALLS.

A unique feature in advertising has been recently adopted by a Richmond store in presenting each purchaser of Boys' Clothing with a Carnival Arch League Button and enrolling the young-sters' names in membership books. As a futher inducement to the little fellow: their names are published in the Evening Leader the following day as members of the Carnival Arch League. This enterthe Carnival Arch League. This enter-prising concern is the Meyer Store, cor-ner Foushee and Broad Streets, and their ingenious method of advertising is bene-ficial alike to both the Arch League and themselves, inasmuch as it swells the contributions. This store has arranged to meet the taste of youngsters whose sporting proclivities overcome their patriousm; to such they give a fine base-ball and bat. The offer will hold good throughout this week, but in the Boys' Clothing Store only.

SPRING HAS COME

and with it the usual lassitude, languor, and Inertia. The manner in which you drag your weary limbs around and the difference which you show to pass-ing events, indicates the sluggishness of your blood. Disease is largely in evidence, and if you do not take a Blood Purifier at once the consequences may be more serious than you think. As a tonic Alterative Dr. David's Iodo-

As a tonic Alterative Dr. David's 1000-Ferrated Sarsaparilla has no superior. For Eczema, Itch, Boils, Pimples, Scrofula, Old Sores, Catarrh and all Skia and Blood Diseases Dr. David's Iodo-Ferrated Sarsaparilla is the cure

It cures where others fail. It will give you health and strength by making pure blood, thus eliminating all taint and dis-ease from the system. Don't be led to take some much advertised nostrum, but insist upon having the genuine Dr. David's Icdo-Ferrated Sarsaparilla. Read what Dr. J. W. Smith says of it: Reidsville, N.C., Oct. 17, 1893.

Owens & Minor Drug Company, Rich-mond, Va.: Dear Sirs,—Please send me three dozen Dr. David's Iodo-Ferrated Sarsaparilla.

I have entirely sold out the last lot I regard your Dr. David's Iodo-Ferrated Sarsaparilla as the best alterative prepa-Sarsaparilla as the best alterative preparation that I have ever come in contet with during a period of many years in the drug business and in the practice of medicine. It sells better than any other article that I handle, and I frequently prescribe it in cases where indicated, and always with the best results. cated, and always with the best results.

Yours truly, J. W. SMITH, M. D.,

Physician and Druggist.

If you cannot procure it of your druggist or merchant write to us. Price \$1 a

bottle; six bottles for \$5 OWENS & MINOR DRUG CO.,

ADDITIONAL SLEEPING-CAR SER VICE.

Effective April 23d the Southern Railway will extend their present Pullman Sleeper now being operated between Charlotte, N. C. and Atlanta, Ga., on United States Fast Mail trains Nos. 35 and 36 to Birmingham, Ala., and on and after April 23d this sleeper will be operated between Charlotte, Atlanta and Birming-ham on same trains. Leaving Richmond at 12 noon, dally, this sleeper is attached at 12 noon, daily, this sleeper is attended at Charlotte going through to Birming-ham without change, arriving there II:35 following morning, requiring only one change of cars between Richmond and Birmingham and affording the traveller a quick, comfortable trip. At Birming-ham connection is made for all points South and Southwest. C. W. WESTBURY,

The Southern Bell Telephone and Tele graph Company announces that phonic communication can be had its lines with Lynchburg, Va.; Danville, Va.; Roanoke, Va.; Wakekfield, Va.; Appomattox, Va.; Farmville, Va.; Crewe, Va.; Salem, Va.; Bedford City, Va.; Reldsville, N. C.; Charlotte, N. C.; Columbia

S. C. For further particulars enquire at the Public Pay Stations and at Manager's office, 1214 East Main Street. SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

THE APPETITE OF A GOAT

is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose stomach and liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. Ring's New Life Pills, tife wonderful stomach and liver remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily hab-it that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25 cents at Owens & Minor Drug Co. LOW RATES NORTH AND WEST.

Before you travel North or West call upon or address the undersigned for lowest rates via York River Line and Bal-timore and Ohio Railroad (Royal Blue Line). Superb steamer service to Baltimore, connecting with the finest, fastest and safest trains in the world. Leave Richmond dally (except Sunday) from the Southern Railway depot at 4:30 P. M. Apply to C. W. Westbury, T. P. A. Southern Railway, 920 East Main Street; Richmond Transfer Co., 903 East Main Street; or Arthur G. Lewis, Southern Passenger Agent B. and O. Railroad, Nor-

FRESH GOSSIP FROM GOTHAM

Strange Case of a Young Man Who Lost Himself.

BIG LOSSES FROM FIRE.

Mayor Van Wyck and the Ecumenical Council-Madison Square Garden Doesn't Pay and the City May Lose It.

NEW YORK, April 23 .- Special .- The

ease of George Ridderband, nineteen years

f age, son of the late J. Solis Ridderband, well known lawyer, is one of the strangst ever reported in this city of strange occurrences. Five days ago the young man disappeared from home and began to wander around. He forgot his name, forof everything concerning himself, and ild not know that he was in New York, ulthough this has been his home from the ime of his birth. Yesterday morning he went to the Mercer Street police station and asked the officer in charge if he could tell him who he was and where he was. The officer essured him that he was in New York, but the young man replied that New York, but the young man replied that it was all strange to him and that he had never before seen the city. The police had been instructed to look out for a lad answering to Ridderband's description and the officer took him to his fashlonable home near Central Park. Mrs. Ridderband came to the door and recognizing her son fell in a faint. Then the sisters came and threw their arms around the young and threw their arms around the man, but he declared that he did not know them. Physicians were called in and they prescribed narcotics, but at last accounts it was reported that the patient exhibited no improvement. Ridderband is a som-nambulist and once before he left home while asleep.

FIRE LOSSES.

The report of the are marshal shows that fire losses in New York last year were nearly double those of the year before. The number of fires increased nearly a third from 4,239 to 5,393; the increase from third from 4,253 to 5,355, the increase von \$4,155,191 to \$7,155,191, was in part due to three great fires—the Windsor Hotel, \$1,-250,600; the Home Life Building and the adjacent house, \$700,000, and the Campbell factory, in East Twenty-fourth Street, \$700,000. Swinging gas jets and electric wires are

mentioned as frequent causes of fires, and enforcement of the law prohibiting the use of the first. He asks for an expert electrician for his bureau, and recommends that all persons handling electric light appliances be compelled to take out licenses and that all the rire Marshal recommends the rigid and that all openings for wires be made

in that an openings to the freproof.

About three hundred pulpits in New York were occupied Sunday by distinguished delegates to the Ecumenical Council, the call being especially for the delegates from foreign lands and the best known missionaries in distant countries. DR. STORRS' SUCCESSOR.

An interesting incident in the religious world was the preaching on Sunday in the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, by Dr. Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, by Dr. H. P. Dewey, of Concord, who has re-ceived a unanimous call to this Church the pulpit of which has for half a century been made illustrious by Rev. Dr. R. S. Storrs, one of the greatest pulpit orators of that period. Dr. Storrs is very feeble,

of that period. Dr. Storrs is very feeble, but he was able to be present to welcome Dr. Dewey, his probable successor.

Mayor Van Wyck is a peculiar man, Although the President of the United States came from Washington especially to welcome the delegates to the Ecumenical Council, and although Gov. Roosevelt and former President Harrison also came, Mayor Van Wyck was not present and the city gave no official word of welcome to the visitors. Mayor Van Wyck takes little interest in anything but politics.

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It cost about \$259,000 to run the Madison Square Garden, pay its taxes and interest charges, and, notwithstanding the big shows that are held there, drawing, it is estimated, during the past season fully 1,000,000 persons, yet the revenues are not sufficient to make the enterprise profitable. The people may, therefore, lose

their great amusement palace.
A GENEROUS GIFT.
Mr. Meyer Guggenheim and his seven sons have given \$20,000 for a new building for Mount Sinal Hospital. The building for Mount Sinal Hospital. ing is to be a memorial of Mr. Guggen heim's dead wife. The gift was accepte at a meeting of the Board of Directors vesterday.

A Tennessee Monument.

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KNOXVILLE, TENN., April 21.—Special.—A movement has been inaugurated in this city to raise a fund for building a monument at Winchester, Va., in memory of twenty-nine Confederate soldiers from Tennessee who lie buried there.

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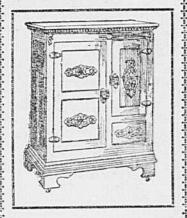
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